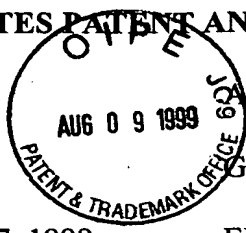


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Please enter the following Amendment in the above identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 7, 8, and 12-20 as follows:

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1. (Once Amended) A dried pet food comprising a matrix [including] *at least 2% by weight* comprising a denatured protein source, a gelatinized carbohydrate source[;], insoluble fiber, [and] a humectant in an amount sufficient for reducing brittleness of the matrix; and the dried pet food having a moisture content of less than 10% by weight.

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7. (Once Amended) A dried pet food according to claim 1 in the form of a cat kibble which has a length of at least 6 mm, a thickness of at least 6 mm, and in which the minimum distance from a center of gravity of the matrix to a surface of the matrix is about 3 mm. 236

8. (Once Amended) A dried pet food comprising a matrix [including] comprising a gelatinized protein source, a gelatinized carbohydrate source[;] about 2% to about

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